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DIVISION OF  
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Mr. Frank Wicks  
General Manager, Barrick Mercur Gold Mines  
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RE: Reservation Canyon Tailings  
Storage Capacity Expansion

Dear Mr. Wicks:

We have received Mr. Glenn M. Eurick's request of April 24, 1991, that our review and permitting process for the construction and the ground water permits proceed independently of each other so that the construction for raising the impoundment height can be completed this construction season.

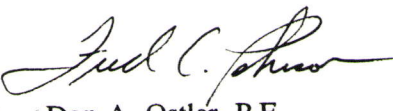
As you are well aware, many of the requirements for ground water permitting are closely related to construction permit issues. For example, a ground water permit may require that best available technology be employed to avoid potential contamination of the ground water. The design and construction details to satisfy this ground water requirement will be incorporated in the plans and specifications, which in turn become the subject matter on which a construction permit is issued. Thus, both permits are interdependent and one cannot be issued separately. Consequently, we cannot proceed with the review and issuance of these two permits on independent tracks.

Please be advised that any construction done prior to issuance of the construction permit will be considered unauthorized and will be in violation of the Utah Water Pollution Control Rules, UAC R448-1-2.2, and Ground Water Quality Protection Regulations, UAC R448-6-6.1.

Please contact Mr. C.C. Patel, P.E., or Mr. Loren Morton (538-6146) of my staff if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Pollution Control Committee

  
for Don A. Ostler, P.E.  
Executive Secretary

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cc: Fred Nelson, Asst. Attorney General  
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